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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed February 14, 2008, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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